

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION  
OF H.R. 3685, EMPLOYMENT NON-  
DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOE BACA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 7, 2007*

Mr. BACA. Madam Chairman, I rise today to ask for support of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, ENDA, H.R. 3685.

People who do their jobs well, pay their taxes and contribute to their communities should not be singled out for unfair discrimination.

This notion lies at the core of American values. Yet, millions of Americans are fired from their jobs, refused work, or paid less because of their sexual orientation.

Sadly, this discrimination is legal in 39 States. This is why Federal protection is so important.

H.R. 3685 provides employment protections similar to those of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

This bill will provide judges with the tools necessary to end discrimination.

It will protect Americans, hard-working Americans who deserve the same freedoms and governmental support given to all working Americans.

Please support this important legislation.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2007—VETO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

**HON. ANDER CRENSHAW**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 6, 2007*

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to question the new majority's earmark reform for the 110th Congress.

On July 31, 2007, I supported and the House of Representatives passed S. 1, the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007, which provides for greater transparency in the legislative process. It is with great disappointment that I take this time to recognize the lack of this same transparency in the conference report for H.R. 1495, the Water Resources Development Act of 2007. This legislation authorizes Federal funding for local water and civil works projects that are extremely important to the State of Florida, and the Nation as a whole.

At the start of the 110th Congress the new Democratic majority made repeated promises to the American public about their goals for this newly led Congress, ensuring "accountability, honesty, and openness at all levels of government." It is now November and the unfortunate reality is that these promises are not being kept.

In accordance with House Rules, I submitted a written request letter for the authorization of Federal funding for several local water and civil works projects in my district to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. The intent of the new earmark disclosure rules was to make all earmark requests transparent and accessible to the

American public. In addition, these new rules require the committee to "identify, on a publicly accessible congressional Web site each congressionally directed spending request through lists, charts, or other similar means, including the name of each requesting Member or Senator."

In a recent review of the conference report for H.R. 1495, the Water Resources Development Act of 2007, it came to my attention that one of the projects authorized in the report, which I requested, Sec. 5158 (125) the Jacksonville Septic Tank Replacement, did not include my name with it, as required. I do not bring this to your attention today seeking recognition for doing the job I was sent here to do. However, I do bring it to your attention to express my disappointment that the new earmark disclosure rules are not being followed properly.

The American public deserves the accountability, honesty, and openness promised to them. Let's ensure that all of our bills conform to this standard.

IN TRIBUTE TO MRS. HELEN WILLIS' RETIREMENT FROM CIVIL SERVICE

**HON. TERRY EVERETT**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 9, 2007*

Mr. EVERETT. Madam Speaker, on the occasion of her retirement from the Department of the Air Force, I want to take this opportunity to honor Mrs. Helen R. Willis for 32 years of dedicated service to our country.

Mrs. Willis, the daughter of an uneducated man who exuded a lot of wisdom inspired her to pursue her education and graduate from Tuskegee Institute, "the pride of the swift, growing south."

Since her arrival at Maxwell Air Force Base in 1975, Mrs. Willis has trained over 1,000 active duty military members to become Air Force Medical Laboratory Technicians. Her demonstrated technical expertise, proficiency and ceaseless dedication to her profession resulted in 16 "Superb" ratings, considered exceptional by the College of American Pathologists' standards. Mrs. Willis' determination and passion for the profession she believed in was always perfectly packaged by her charm and eloquence. She has been an inspiration to thousands and her legacy will never be forgotten.

Madam Speaker, I join my colleagues in expressing our sincere appreciation to Mrs. Willis for her outstanding service to Maxwell Air Force Base and our country. We wish her and her husband Dr. Edward Willis the best as Mrs. Willis transitions into a new life. Mrs. Willis is a true professional and a credit to herself and the United States Air Force.

TRIBUTE TO MR. HAROLD MATZNER

**HON. MARY BONO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 9, 2007*

Mrs. BONO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to a dear friend and

constituent, Mr. Harold Matzner. On November 17 of this year, Mr. Matzner will be honored as the 2007 Good Samaritan of the Year by the Desert Samaritans of the Coachella Valley in our great State of California, and I am pleased to extend my sincere congratulations to Harold for this well-deserved recognition.

Mr. Matzner has been a resident of Palm Springs for over 25 years, and during this time he has established himself as one of the outstanding philanthropic and civic leaders in our community. Harold's generosity is legendary. His energy, passion, and tireless advocacy for numerous worthwhile causes benefit all those who live in and visit Palm Springs.

A close friend and neighbor, Harold was also an invaluable supporter of the Palm Springs International Film Festival. The festival was founded by my late husband, the Honorable Sonny Bono, when he served as mayor of the city of Palm Springs.

Harold is widely credited with revitalizing the festival and ensuring its continued success as a member of the festival board, board chairman, vice-chairman and, most recently, as chairman emeritus. Without his devotion to the festival and impressive business acumen, the festival would simply not have attained its current status as one of the premier celebrations of the art of cinema in the United States.

In addition to his efforts on behalf of the Film Festival, Harold serves as chairman of the McCallum Theater, is an executive committee member of the Palm Springs Art Museum, and chairman of the Palm Springs Tennis Club Members Association. But his contributions to the community are not limited to these leadership roles. Harold is also a driving force in support of the Stroke Recovery Center, Temple Isaiah, Desert Aids Project, and Animal Samaritans, along with many other charitable causes.

Harold has established a long and successful business career as CEO of a major branding, advertising, and marketing company, and as the owner of a local Palm Springs landmark restaurant, Spencer's at the Mountain. He brings the same commitment to success to both his business ventures and his philanthropic activities, and our community has been greatly enhanced by his generosity of spirit and hard work.

Countless community and civic leaders have benefitted from Harold's insightful guidance and counsel. He is truly one of our community's treasures, and I am greatly honored to pay tribute to him today for his achievements and contributions to the citizens of the desert.

I want to join with the rest of our community in extending my appreciation and congratulations to Harold for this most fitting honor. And I encourage my colleagues to join me in celebrating this remarkable man, my dear friend, Harold Matzner.

HONORING JOHN AND JUNE ROGERS

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 9, 2007*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate John and June Rogers upon being named the 2007 Citizens of the Year. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers will be honored on